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Topical Studies

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Gifts of the Spirit

Key verses section:

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 "To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between Spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues." NIV

Ephesians 4:7-13, Romans 12:3-8, Acts 10:46, Acts 19:6, 1 Corinthians 12:28-29, 1 Peter 4:11

Key passage observation:

The apostle Paul is speaking to believers at Corinth.

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The repeated word 'another' tells us that not everyone has the same gifts as the other person.

Every gift a person has is through the Holy Spirit.

Summary:

It is through the Spirit that we have the gifts we have.

God wants us to use our gifts to spread the Good News.

Each person has their own gift that should be used daily to encourage and help others.

Wisdom comes from God when you ask for it!

Let the Holy Spirit work in you to show you the gifts you have, so you are able to fulfill your purpose.

Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 12 about spiritual gifts (vs 1-11), and One body, many parts (vs 12-31). There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit (v. 4). There are different kinds of service but the

same Lord (v.5). There are different kinds of working, but the same God (v.6). All believers of Jesus Christ have their own spiritual gifts given to them by the Holy Spirit, just as he determines (v.11). We can not be believers of Jesus Christ and have these gifts from God and not use them in our lives. If we have the message of wisdom, spread it to others. If we have the message of knowledge, spread it to others as well. If we have the gift of faith to meet a specific need within the body of Christ, use it. The gift of healing is a powerful gift from God; whether it is physical healing or spiritual healing; it should be used everyday for Gods glory.

No matter the spiritual gift you have, God wants us to use them everyday. We are here to spread the Good News to non-believers and part of doing so is by using the gifts God gave us. Jesus was a perfect man with many gifts from God and the ones we have are the ones Jesus had. Our gifts come from the Spirit and when non-believers accept Jesus Christ they have the Holy Spirit inside of them. We are to live and love like Jesus. We are never going to be perfect like Jesus, but we can use the gifts from Him to help others come to God; as Jesus did.